1	2
सूरत	1. उस्कर, रामकुंड 2. हीरावदी 3. असारमस 4. बड़ापड़ा 5. शिउदी
बड़ोंदरा	1. भारवदा 2. धनारोस 3. करोदिया 4. पंचदावला
राजकोट	1. नेसदा (एस) 2. नाना खिजाड़िया 3. मधापुर 4. घंघिया 5. जम्बुदिया 6. रोहिशाला 7. कजरदा 8. हदमदिया

Sixth Telecom Operational Coordination Meeting

3339. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sixth Telecom Operational Coordination Meeting was held at New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the names of which participating countries;

(c) whether some issues on improvement of telecom services were discussed threat;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to implement these issues?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 6th Indo-Bangladesh Telecom Operational Coordination meeting was held at New Delhi during 2-4 Dec. 1991.

(c) and (d) The following issues for improvement of telecommunication services between the two countries were discussed.

(i) Augmentation of circuits for ISD and telex services.

(ii) Upgradation of existing microwave link from analogue to digital.

(iii) Provision of alternative transmission link between the two countries for security and survivability of the telecom services.

(iv) Provision of telecome services between transborder towns at cheaper tariff.

(e) Telecom services between the two countries will be augmented in due course as per the agreed decisions.

Space of Post Cards

3340. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the space for writing address in the existing post card is inadequate particularly for use by villagers; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase the size of the Post Card?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The space for writing address on Part Card has been increased. The new Post Cards with more space for address have been put up on sale with effect from 16th December, 1991.

(b) In view of the above, there is no proposal to increase the size of the Post Card.

Strength of Postal Staff in Uttar Pradesh

3341. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strength of staff in Ranikhet, Almora, Bhikiyasain, Chaunalia,

Bhatarauj Khan and Basot post offices in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the post offices in District Almora, have not been developed and modernised so far;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what steps are being taken to modernise them; and

(e) what are the details of investments in these post offices as on date, post office-wise, alongwith the details of dead accounts in each post offices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The details of the strength of staff in Ranikhet, Almora, Bhikiyasain, Chaunalia, Bhataraujkhan and Basot Post Offices in Almora district in Uttar Pradesh are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of Post Office	Category	No. of Posts
1	2	3	4
1	Ranikhet-Head Office	Higher Selection Grade II	1
		Lower Selection Grade	4
		Postal Assistants	28
		Head Postman	1
		Postmen	9
		Group 'D'	7
		Extra Departmental Employees	6
2	Almora Head Post Office	Higher Selection Grade I	1
		Higher Selection Grade II	1
		Lower Selection Grade	5
		Postal Assistants	51
		Head Postmen	2
		Postmen	25
		Group 'D'	13
		Extra Departmental Employees	3
3	Bhilkiyasain Sub Office	Lower Selection Grade	1
		Postal Assistants	3
		Postman	1
		Group 'D'	1

1	2	3	4
		Extra Departmental Employees	2
4	Chaunalia Sub Office	Postal Assistant	1
		Extra Departmental Employees	2
5	Bhatarauj Khan Sub Office	Postal Assistants	2
		Postman	1
		Extra Departmental Employees	3
6	Basot Branch Office	Extra Departmental Branch Post Master	1
		Extra Departmental Delivery Agent	1
		Extra Departmental Mail Peon	1

(b) No, Sir. The following number of post offices have been opened/upgraded during the VIIth Five Year Plan.

(i) No. of Post Offices opend 18

(ii) No. of Post Offices upgraded 1

(iii) New equipment supplied 1

(c) Does not airse

(d) Steps taken to develop and modernise Postal Services in Alomra District (U.P.)

1. A double storeyed new building has been constructed for the Head Post Office in Almora.
2. Construction of staff quarters at Almora is at the drawing stage. Land has been acquired and the Architect and Executive Engineer have taken action for preparing the drawing
3. The construction of Kausani Post Office Biuding is at the stage of acquisition of land from the State Government.
4. A new Head Post Office bulding has been constructed at Ranikhet.
5. In order to accelerate the mail arrangements of Almora District, the entire mail for the district have been concentrated at Bareilly RMS.

(e) The details of the investment in Ranikhet, Almora, Bhikiyasai, Chaunalia, Bhatarauj Khan and Basot Post Offices as on date, post office-wise, alongwith details of dead accounts in each post office are as under:—

Public investments and silent Accounts

Name of the P.O.	Investment in SB	Investment in RD	Investment in TD	Investment in CTD	Investment in KVP	Investment in NSC	Investment in IVP	No. of silent Accounts	Amounts silent Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)
Ranikhet H.O.	5830329	3902910	3202300	131685	1502700	6647080	3269400	3775	820998
Almora H.P.O.	2069563	175123	052439	130 1118905	3899230	2907523	6732260	4452	1811396

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bhikiyasain Sub Office	1665878	3069030	3401300	32145	2097000	3828700	1249250	2245	336909
Chaunalia Sub Office	1173582	988325	826950	9400	729000	214000	254000	671	70566
Bhatarauj Khan Sub Office	1832524	1595490	1234800	33735	761500	318950	1339050	1073	114370
Basot Branch Offic e	234717	197665	165300	1880	..	90150	..	105	10105

Irregularities in Distribution of Postal articles

3342. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are irregularities in distribution of Postal articles (Dak) in 'Ranikhet of District Almora, U.P.;

(b) whether it is a fact that for the last few months the articles are not reaching at the marked addresses;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and action taken aaginst the guilty employees;

(d) whether Government have issued any instructions for early delivery of post; and

(e) if so, whether these instruction are being complied. with?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No complaint of the irregularities in distribution of mails n Ranikhet (District Almora) U.P. has been received.

(b) No complaint of this nature has been received·

(c) In view of the above, does not arise.

(d) and (e) There are already instructions for prompt delivery of mails, which are duly followed.

Reduction of tariff on I.S.D. Calls

3343. SHRI M. M. HASHIM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rates of tariff of I.S.D. calls are very high; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give relief to telephone users by giving some concessions in I.S.D. rate structure?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Working capacity of Dibrugarh Telephone Exchange

3344. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present installed and working capacity and actual number of working connections in Dibrugarh Telephone Exchange as on the 30th November. 1991;

(b) the details of current waiting list in the said Exchange category-wise, and by when the same is likely to be cleared;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the capacity of the existing Exchange at Dibrugarh in the near future